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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 25, 2001

NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS
CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE
DISCLOSURES AND PETITION FOR A TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is in response to the September 25, 2001 Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures issued in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Notice provides a one month period for filing a response. Therefore, a response was due October 25, 2001. Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time. Applicants previously established small entity status. The required fee for a two month extension of time for a small entity is \$200.00 and a check for that amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the September 25, 2001 Notice is due December 25, 2001. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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